

**REMARKS**

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed August 31, 2005, Applicants hereby provisionally elect Group I, Claims 1-6 and 9-12, for examination with traverse.

Applicants believe that the claims of the remaining groups are sufficiently related to be examined together, and that such examination would not place an undue burden on the Examiner. M.P.E.P. § 803 states that, if “the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, [then] the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions.”

Therefore, Applicants request that the Examiner reconsider his position regarding this restriction requirement and examine the claims of Groups I- II as one invention

### CONCLUSION

Applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications covering the subject matter of the non-elected claims.

Applicants respectfully request examination on the merits of this application. Should there be any questions concerning this application, Examiner Szperka is invited to contact the undersigned at the number listed below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

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